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## CHAPTER 8:

# GUIDELINES FOR ILLUMINATION

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THESE GUIDELINES APPLY TO  
BUILDINGS AND SIGNS  
WITHIN PROPERTY LINES.

FOR 'PUBLIC SECTOR' LIGHTING,  
INCLUDING STREET LIGHTS,  
SEE CHAPTER 5.

### Policy:

Lighting of site and building elements should enhance the historic characteristics of the district.

### GENERAL



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#### 66. USE LIGHTING TO UNIFY THE BUILDING COMPOSITION AT NIGHT.

- Coordinate lighting on these four elements:
  - Window displays
  - Entrances
  - Signs
  - Building details
- For commercial buildings, the display window lighting should remain the dominant element. Don't overpower this with extensive lighting on other facade elements.
- Don't overpower the building with extensive or very intense lighting.

#### 67. BALANCE THE COLOR AND INTENSITY OF LIGHTING AMONG BUILDING FEATURES.

- Sign lighting should be balanced in color and intensity with light in display windows.
- Warm-colored light is preferred for all exterior lighting, since this is more pleasing to the eye, and will more easily draw attention to window displays.
- Fixtures should be concealed, or very simple, or appropriate to the period of the building.
- When renovating historic structures, use lighting fixtures that are similar to those used originally. In other situations, fixtures should be concealed or very simple in design.
- See also Sign Guidelines, Book 1.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

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**68. CHRISTMAS SEASON LIGHTING SHALL BE COORDINATED THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE.**

- Clear white lights may be used to outline architectural elements, such as roof lines and windows.
- This lighting may be used only during the Christmas holiday season.
- Individual Christmas lighting installations need not be reviewed by the HRC as long as they are in compliance with this guideline.

## LANDMARK BUILDINGS

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**69. LANDMARK BUILDINGS MAY BE ILLUMINATED WITH FLOODLIGHTING.**

- This lighting may be used year-round.
- Each lighting scheme for a Landmark building will be individually reviewed by the HRC.

